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SUBJ: EXCERPTS FROM DAYAN'S SPEECH TO ZIONIST CONGRESS

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN'S SPEECH
BEFORE 29TH ZIONIST CONGRESS ON FEB 27 IN JERUSALEM AS
CONTAINED IN CONFERENCE PRESS RELEASE:

2. "PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE THE CENTRAL ISSUE NOT ONLY OF OUR
FOREIGN POLICY, BUT OF OUR ENTIRE LIVES. THEY ENCOMPASS THE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECT, THAT IS, THE MANNER IN WHICH THE
NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONDUCTED; THE ESSENCE AND CONTENT OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING THE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN
US AND EGYPTIANS; AND FINALLY A FORECAST FOR THE FUTURE.

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3. WHEN WE FIRST ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE EGYPTIANS, WE WERE
ASKED TO PRESENT DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT WITH
EGYPT, GENERAL FORMULAS REGARDING OTHER TOPICS FOR NEGOTIA-
TIONS, NOT ONLY WITH EGYPT BUT WITH OTHER ARAB
COUNTRIES. WE WERE TOLD BY THE EGYPTIANS THAT THERE
WAS NO NEED TO DEAL WITH SYRIA, FOR QUESTIONS REGARD-
THE GOLAN WOULD NOT ARISE AT THAT TIME. THE

BREAKDOWN IN TALKS ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS HAS BEEN SOLELY DUE TO EGYPTIAN INSISTENCE ON DISCUSSING ISSUES LIKE THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, WHICH SHOULD BE PART OF THE SECOND NOT FIRST, PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

4. "EGYPT NOW SAYS IT WILL NOT CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SEPARATE PEACE WITH ISRAEL. DOES THIS MEAN THAT IT ASSUMED FROM THE BEGINNING THAT OTHERS WILL BE JOINING THE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. CONTRARY TO OUR WISHES, NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT BEING CONDUCTED DIRECTLY WITH THE EGYPTIANS, BUT THROUGH THE MEDIATION OF THE AMERICANS. WE WISH TO RENEW DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE EGYPTIANS. INSTEAD OF DEALING WITH ACTUAL, CONCRETE PEACE PROPOSALS FROM BOTH SIDES, WE ARE BEING BOGGED DOWN WITH GENERALIZATIONS, DEFINITION OF TERMS, FORMULAS, ETC.

6. " IN ISMAILIYA THE EGYPTIANS PROMISED US THAT THEY WOULD PRESENT COUNTER PROPOSALS, ESPECIALLY ON THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. WE ARE STILL AWAITING THOSE PROPOSALS. THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE EGYPTIANS EITHER CANNOT OR DO NOT WANT TO CONDUCT SEPARATE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL. WE HAVE NO DIFFERENCE OF OPINION OVER THE INCLUSION OF JORDANIAN ELEMENTS
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OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. THE PROBLEM IS THE REFUSAL OF THESE ELEMENTS TO JOIN WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS.

7. "WHY DOESN'T JORDAN PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS? AFTER THE RABAT CONFERENCE, KING HUSSEIN NO LONGER FELT THAT HE HAD THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE NAME OF THE PALESTINIAN ARABS. THE ONLY WAY HE CAN OVERCOME THIS OBSTACLE AND FACE UP TO ACCUSATIONS OF COMPROMISING ON ARAB DEMANDS IS TO TRY TO ACHIEVE THEM ALL AS A PRECONDITION TO JOINING IN THE PEACE PROCESS.

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8. "AMERICANS HAVE IDEAS OF HOLDING A REFERENDUM ON THE
FUTURE OF THE TERRITORIES. WE REJECT ALL DEMANDS FOR
TOTAL WITHDRAWAL. WE REJECT DEMANDS FOR OUR INITIAL
AGREEMENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT
PALESTINIAN STATE. HOWEVER, TO FORCE OUR INTERPRETATION
OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 ON OTHERS IS NOT
OUR INTENTION. WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALL PROPOSALS.

9. "WE DO NOT OBJECT TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT
THAT WE MUST ENABLE THE PALESTINIAN ARABS TO DETERMINE
THEIR OWN FUTURE. HOWEVER, LET US NOT IGNORE THE
FACT THAT IT IS "OUR" FUTURE THEY SEEK TO DETERMINE
AND NOT "THEIRS". IN A REFERENDUM THEY WILL NOT BE
DECIDING WHAT CITIZENSHIP OR ADMINISTRATION THEY
WILL ADOPT, BUT RATHER WHAT THEY WILL DO WITH US, WITH
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OUR SETTLEMENTS. WE DO NOT WANT TO FORCE OUR
WILL UPON THEM, BUT WE SHALL NOT ALLOW THEM TO FORCE
THEIR WILL UPON US. THEY WILL NOT DETERMINE OUR
FUTURE.

10. " IN CONCLUSION, I HOPE THAT THAT WHICH MOTIVATED
PRESIDENT SADAT AT THE OUTSET OF THE PEACE INITIATIVE
STILL EXISTS AND WILL BRING ABOUT THE RENEWAL OF

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. WE WANT A PEACE AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE AS MANY PARTIES AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE PREPARED TO SIT WITH EACH PARTY INDIVIDUALLY OR WITH THEM ALL TOGETHER. HOWEVER, WE SHALL NOT COMMIT OURSELVES TO ANY PRECONDITIONS WHATSOEVER." END EXCERPTS)

11. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR, MR. DAYAN SAID THAT NOT ONE NEW SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN OPHIRA OR THE RAFIAH SALIENT. WHEN WE PRESENTED THE ISRAELI PEACE PLAN TO PRESIDENT CARTER, WE STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF ENSURING OUR SECURITY. WE DECLARED THAT NO EGYPTIAN FORCE WOULD CROSS THE MITLA AND GIDI PASSES. THE AREA FROM SHARM-EL-SHEIKH WOULD REMAIN DEMILITARIZED, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. AN ISRAELI SECURITY FORCE WOULD REMAIN IN THE AREA TO PROTECT ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS. THIS PROPOSAL WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO PRESIDENT SADAT, AND THOUGH WE AGREED TO DISCUSS COUNTER PROPOSALS, NO SUCH PROPOSALS WERE MADE. NO NEW SETTLEMENT SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE AREA, BUT THE CONSOLIDATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING ONES SHALL CONTINUE.

12. IF SETTLERS IN THE RAFIA SALIENT DO NOT WANT TO REMAIN UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS IT IS THEIR PRE-UNCLASSIFIED

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ROGATIVE TO LEAVE.

13. WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PREPARED TO DISCUSS PEACE AND BELIEVE THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO DO SO WITH OR WITHOUT THE AMERICANS AND EVENTUALLY ACHIEVE PEACE SETTLEMENT WITH OUR NEIGHBORS. END OF RELEASE
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